

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: **JOE D. BROWN**

SERIAL NO.: 10/680,426

FILED: October 8, 2003

FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CAUSING
DEFLECTION OF A SURGICAL INSTRUMENT



GROUP ART UNIT: 3735

EXAMINER: A. Farah

ATTY. REFERENCE: BROW3007/BEU

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For: Apparatus And Method For Causing Deflection Of A Surgical Instrument

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner For Patents
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This paper is in response to the Official Action dated March 28, 2006.

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